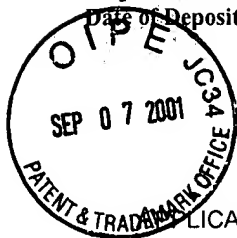


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PATENT APPLICATION #5

Attorney Docket No. 15966-750 CURA-250)



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS : Vernet et al.

SERIAL NUMBER : 09/825,751

EXAMINER : Not Yet Assigned

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FOR : NOVEL PROTEINS AND NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING SAME

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to respond to the May 10, 2001, Notice to File Missing Parts in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before September 10, 2001. A check in the amount of \$195.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2), is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-750 (CURA-250). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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